TARC NEWSLETER

TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

DECEMBER, 1994

OFFICERS

President: Bud Hughes K4CWG 269-0779 Secretary: Bobbi Sue Wood AD4VV 268-8537
Vice President: Cliff Hoag KC4SYD 267-7030 Treasurer: Clyde Lee K4EOS 267-9375

CLUB INFORMATION

TARC Meetings: Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs at Jaycee Building
TARC Nets: VIP - Thursdays at 1000 hrs on 146.910
Friendship - Thursdays at 1830 hrs on 146.910
Mosquito - Wednesdays at 1900 hrs on 28.333
TARC Repeaters: VHF - 146.910 and 146.970. UHF - 444.150

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

Nearing the end of the fourth year as president of TARC, I find great satisfaction in reviewing the multitude of accomplishments made by our club. These accomplishments are made possible by the foundation laid by both current members and those who have contributed but are now silent keys. Space does not permit the listing of all TARC members who have made this club the best club in the land. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to have gained so many friends, and I owe a lot to all of you! This club has so much talent and enthusiasm that we will elect one from our midst to fill this office and continue to grow. As the old clock ticks down toward the end of my presidency I want all of you to know how much your friendship has meant to me and to Sherry. I pledge my support to our next slate of officers, and look forward to working with them.

I hope that those of you who can will joint us on December 3, and help support the Jaycees at the annual Christmas parade. Then on December 4, at 2:00 pm at the Jaycee building, they will prepare a lunch for the radio club as thanks for your support.

Congratulations to the team of Wynn - WB4ZUY, Theresa - WB4ZUZ and Warren - KD4RQT on finding the fox. Your team sure put me in my place. Tom - AD4NA (the ole' fox) sure put the hex on Bud! Do you get a trophy for being last?

With great sadness we announce the passing of our dear friend Oren Verble - WB4BTU. Our sympathy goes out to Roger and all the family.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President: Chalie Fagel - KR4YZ

V.President: Tom Nguyen - AD4NA

Secretary: Bobbi Sue Wood - AD4VV

Treasurer: Clyde Lee - K4EOS

Board of Directors: Mike Ellixson - KE4MWZ
Mitch Matheny - AC4WM
Kay Watson - KD4VFQ
Jose Ramos - KC4VIO

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12-02	WB4ZUZ THERESA VALEK
12-02	KD4LDR BILL DIMEO
12-03	KD4DCS TED LARRABEE
12-03	KA1HXJ STEPHEN FARNUM
12-04	AD4PC DICK SHORE
12-06	W4VKF BOB MANNING
12-06	N4LEM RAY KASSIS
12-06	KD4FAA CLYDE SMITH
12-08	K3KS DAN BOYLE
12-08	WD4JSX DON HATFIELD
12-08	KE4KCT CHARLES FROST
12-09	KC4VIO JOSE RAMOS
12-10	KC4UUX ALAN MARSDEN
12-11	KC4UFI JERRY RUSSELL
12-11	KB4BHS GLENN LEE
12-11	N4VIV AL SCHWAGER
12-12	AF4N WES WHITLEY
12-15	KE4LNQ PAT THOMAS
12-16	WOLRC COFFEE COFFMAN
12-19	KE4KNM GENE HALL
12-20	N4KXH KEN WINDHAM
12-20	KE4MXA NOEL ELLIXSON
12-20	LE4MWY DAN CHYCOTA
12-21	KD4RLT WILLIAM MERRILL
12-24	KD4VFQ KAY WATSON
12-25	W2STS JESS LEGRAND
12-28	KB4ETY BRUCE HUNTER
12-29	KE4EJ SANDY WHITLEY
12-31	AD4CU PAT PATTERSON

DOWN HAM MEMORY LANE

By Clyde K4EOS

Back in the 60's, CD (now RACES) was active on 2 Mtr AM. John Stephens W4YXG gave me this list of active hams involved at that time. How many of them do you know (or have known)? This may give away your age!

WA4BWE TOM RUDGE
K4SJC LES GRINER
K4BNJ CHUCK PIERCE
W4YXG JOHN STEPHANS
WA4DEC HAL MERRIFIELD
K4ZAL MERRITT CUFFELL
WA4CVZ CARL BECKETT
WA4WCV GENE SHEPARD
WA3AYK RAY WELLEY
K4EOS CLYDE LEE
W4ZBU ERIC JOHNSON
W4LHK GORDON BYRON
WA4QYU MARK KENT
WA4QEE PHIL PENDLETON
K4WPE JOE NELSON
W4TUS GARY CALHOUN
000000 AL CAMBETES
K4RUM C.H.FRIZELL
W4PTG JAMES H. LEDDON
W4ZYM DON OVELLETTE
WB4CCB DON JOERQER
K4RLK HAROLD WIER

MARCONI VS JORDAN

From Newsline Radio

Two well known names you probably never expected to hear together are Guglielmo Marconi, recognized as the father of radio telegraphy and sports superstar Michael Jordan. Would you believe both men are in the middle of a dispute? It's true - and it has to do with baseball.

If you ever wind up just a few blocks east of Birmingham's downtown business district, you may pass by a small city park named in honor of Guglielmo Marconi. Marconi Park is only about a block in size. it contains a baseball field that inner-city children and others use. The park was named after Marconi because he once visited Birmingham. Another visitor has been bringing plenty of notoriety to the city, and much more recently. Michael Jordan spent the summer here playing minor league baseball with the Birmingham Barons. Now, the Barons want to name the park in honor of James Jordan, Michael Jordan's father. The Barons promise to renovate the field if the new name is approved, but the idea is striking out with community activists. They say Michael Jordan did not do enough work to help the community while he was playing

baseball in Birmingham. The Barons say Jordan received so many requests to participate in various projects that granting them all was impossible. While Marconi spent time in Birmingham, name change opponents say James Jordan had no ties to the city at all. One community leader says turning Marconi Park into James Jordan Park would mean nothing to the inner-city youth. s we go to air, the controversy over the park continues.

ELDERLY REFUSAL

From Newsline Radio

The FCC says no to a petition that proposed exemptions from Morse code exams for people age 65 and older.

The petition to change the rules was filed by Guy A. Matziner, KB7PNQ, a 67 year old Technician class licensee from Cheney, Washington. In his petition Matzinger argued that old age results in dimished faculties. He even equated people 65 and older with the severly disabled in terms of passing a CW exam. To back up his claim, Matzinger introduced the results of a survey he conducted that said 63% of those he contacted supported an exemption for speeds above 5 WPM for anyone over age 65.

But in turning away Matzingers' request the FCC says that the survey was flawed. It notes that the study provided only a statistical age profile of those contacted but did not say how many people were actually surveyed. The FCC says that similar petitions have been denied in the past. This is because the current Amateur Radio license structure is based on the desires of the amateur service community and on the thousands of comments it received on previous petitions. The Commission also notes that its rules already provide for Morse code exemptions for candidates with certain recognized disabilities. It adds that the Matzinger petition got the usual public notice, but says it received no comments at all on this regulatory change request.

HAM SONGS

From Newsline Radio

Finally, ham radio is a hoby that seems to have something to offer everyone. Get a license and you might talk to anyone from a hollywood star to an astronaut in space, and maybe even to a king. On the air you might even run into one of the many well known country and western recording artists like Chet Atkins - WA4CZD, Ronnie Milsap - WB4KCG or Andrew Huddleston - G3WZZ. What was that last name and call sign, you say? Never heard of him? You will.

You see, Anddrew Huddleston and his wife Lissa Ladefoged are the brains and the sound behind a new album of songs written especially for and about radio amateurs. And why an album especially for and about radio amateurs? G3WZZ says it's all in keeping with the spirit of country.

"To tell you the truth because there are a couple of really funny, dramatic stories which I thought were great to wite a song about. The problem is in our regular gigs which we do all around Europe, Australia and New Zealand, you can't get up on stage and sing a song about CQ and about Morse code and about that kind of thing. About problems with the wife because you're always on the air. So, we had to make a whole CD which is only for ham radio enthusiasts."

Andrew and Lissa are not newcomers to the country music scene. With seven previous albums behind them, they are popular artists worldwide. Andrew tells Newsline that he and Lissa enjoyed putting the album together. And for an encore?

"Well, we have been thinking about doing a video version called Seek You, The Movie, because it is what the whole CD is. Actually, it tells a whole story about one little amateur family. And it would be great to make the movie. But it depends how many people out there think the idea is ineresting."

Well, the FCC rules say that we can't play any of the album cuts on your repeater. But we can tell you that hams who have heard it say that Andrew and Lissa may have a ham radio hit on their hands. Our favorites are the songs titled "Always on the Air", "On the Monday Evening Gray Line", "It's Great to QSO in Morse Again:, and "Out Into the Wild Blue Yonder". This last one is a tribute to those hardy souls who like to travel to remote places and put them on the air.

The name of the album is Seek You - that's SEEK YOU. Kind of a play on words. Information on getting a copy can be found in the latest issues of CQ and QST magazines.

THIS AND THAT
By Joan Hoag

What do you wear on Christmas Day? "The trick is get the dress now. Do it before the last of the money goes on presents for forgotten relatives. . . you probably need something tough enough to cope with the kitchen, the children, serving the turkey, getting drunk in, and generally slouching about, yet pretty enough to preside over your own family party, or go out to someone else's. It should be loose enough to let you over-eat in comfort without reminding you of the ruinous effect your gluttony is having on your figure."
The London Observer

Stephanie read in the paper that in Italy, basil is called "Kiss-Me-Quick" and wearing a sprig is a cordial invitation - a good substitute for mistletoe. Not having any fresh basil, she just hung the kitchen spice jar of it around her neck and it worked just fine. Peg Bracken

Things sure have changed. Once you got 100 Christmas stickers and tags for 29 cents. Now its four for a dollar. This year, I'm giving stickers and tags! Peg Bracken

You ask me why I don't send Christmas cards. Well, I guess I've gotten self conscious about it - can't decide what sort of statement to make. Because every card seems to make one. If it's all jolly ho-ho-ho, it seems insensitive in these troubled times; foreign language cards always seem to say, "Look who's been there", don't they? If it's a card sponsored by some worthy cause, it's "oh, what a good girl am I". One year my cards seemed to say I was color blind and broke. I wasn't, but the peddlar was. Another time I checked 185 instead of 184 on the selection chart and ended up with cards featuring Andy Warhol soup cans. But I do like to receive them - so watch your mail!
Adapted from Peg Bracken

Just for a few hours on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the stupid, harsh mechanism of the world runs down, and we permit ourselves to live accoding to untrammeled good sense, the unconquerable efficiency of good will. We grant ourselves the complete and selfish pleasure of loving others better than ourselves. How odd it seems, how unnaturally happy we are!
Christopher Morley

When the camel has little to eat he lives off his hump, a pantry of fat. If things get tough enough his hump shrinks and can actually slip off his back and hang to one side, distorting his figure and souring his temper. The moral here is keep your hump plump! Carrying the Wise Men was really the high point for the camel. Things have gone pretty much downhill ever since.

Ms. Aesop's Fables: An ass decided one autumn to do his Christmas shopping early. He got new trousers for the pig; a ciarette lighter for the dog; a rear assembly for the worm (who had recently lost his in a lawn mower), and a nice big megaphone for the owl (who was getting weak in the hoot). A couple of weeks before Christmas, he saw his friends at a party. He found that the pig had gained thirty pounds; the dog had quit smoking; the worm had meanwhile grown himself a new rear end, and the owl was very excited about a new transistorized megaphone which he had made a down payment on that very day. Moral: He who shops early shops twice.

On a bleak December 20, 1820, the sovereign state of Missouri levied a tax of one dollar per year on all unmarried men. Scholars believe it was the result of the husband's lobby. They couldn't stand the thought of all those carefree, unattached lads watching football when they should have been messing with Christmas tree lights.

Without the door let sorow lie
And if for cold it hap to die
We'll bury it in Christmas pie
And evermore be merry

Old Christmas Carol

SPACE CENTER HAMS MARK APOLLO ANNIVERSARY

By Mike Hadley KC4TCV & Eric Smitt K9ES

From November, 1994 QST

The July 1969 broadcast to the world from Neil Armstrong that he had just set foot on the moon has to rate among the most famous radio transmissions of all time, To celebrate the 25th anniversary of that event, more than 3250 Amateur Radio operators from all over the globe sent their own transmissions to the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in July 1994. In addition to KSC, this special event was supported by Amateur Radio clubs and groups at 12 other NASA centers.

At KSC, from July 19 to 22, 40 Amateur Radio operators, organized by Mike Hadley of Lockheed Space Operations Company, and representing more than 20 companies and organizations from NASA, the Air Force, and their contractors at KSC and the Cape Canaveral Air Station, provided those contacts.

The KSC special-event station used Mike's amateur call sign - KC4TCV - for all bands and modes except CW, where Tom Nguyen of NASA provided his call sign - AD4NA. The total contacts of the combined NASA facilities is still being counted, but preliminary estimates are more than 15,000

The KSC station operators provided radio contacts to hams in 49 states and more than 40 DX countries during this 60 hour operation. A call was even received from W6RO, the ham station aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA!

This Apollo 11 commeration was announced worldwide in all the major Amateur Radio Periodicals, via amateur packet radio, over satellites and on the Internet. The benefits of the planning were well recognized as soon as operation began. It seemed as if the entire world was standing by waiting for KSC to come on the air, and it was only a matter of hours before the opeators had to start exchanging positions with the loggers for fear of losing their voices.

Thanks to the KSC Technical Learning Center, laptop computers were provided for all operating positions to allow electronic logging of the contacts. Yaesu was kind enough to provide paper logbooks for manual logging.

Several stations that called in had children, some as young as six, speak to us, so that they could say they talked to the "Kennedy Space Center". A high school club in Texas had members lined up to contact us, while others, many from Canada and oveseas, told us about their visits to KSC. We were excited to hear the enthusiasm and admiration people still have for the workers and the space shuttle program at KSC.

Within days of the start of the operation, the special NASA mailbox reserved for this occasion was overflowing with mail - with requests for the specially designed commemorative certificate to confirm their contact with the Kennedy Space Center station. More than 800 pieces of mail were received within the first week after the event. This mountain of mail continues to remind us that operating the special-event station was only the beginning of our public relations effort.

We at KSC (and operators at most of the other NASA facilities) brought in our own radio equipment. We set up the stations and antennas the weekend before the event and dismantled everything the following weekend. In addition to our HF set-ups, we had two packet stations and a 2-meter FM station. One interesting contact on the 2-meter FM station was from an English tourist who was on a tour bus and saw our antennas. When he got back to his car he tuned around on his VHF radio until he located us and called in. He was happy to make the contact.

To allow all three HF stations to operate on the air at the same time, antenna chairman Eric Smith, K9ES, selected two small triband Yagis provided by the Platinum Coast ARS, a rotatable diapole for the "New bands" and three verticals provided by GAP. The antennas were well spaced, in an area the size of a football field. NASA and McDonald Douglas assisted by providing trailer-mounted towers for the beams. Space Coast REACT members provided a third tower trailer that held an AOP-1 satellite antenna array.

Our special-event certificates will be ready for mailing soon and we apologize for the delay. Those who contacted the special-event stations are reminded that this was not a government-sponsored activity, and that all costs have to be covered by the opeators themselves, including printing the certificates.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By K4EOS Clyde Lee

BALANCE FORWARD FROM 1993	518.90
DEPOSITS Year to date	7831.12
TOTAL INCOME	$8350.02
EXPENDITURES	6171.49
BALANCE AS AT 10/31/94	$2178.53

OCTOBER MEETING

By Bobbi Sue Wood AD4VV

The meeting was called to oder at 1900 hrs by Bud - K4CWG, with sixty members and guests in attendance. As usual, the meeting was preceded by another successful test session. During this one, Joan Hoag (KC4SYD XYL) became a "radio person"! Congratulations, Joan, and welcome aboard. The meeting started with the Pledge and the introductions, and Bud then explained that the business discussions would be deferred until after a presentation by Mr. Richard Henf of **Gap Antenna Products.**

And WHAT a presentation! Now, we've all heard antenna speeches before, and so often these can lose many listeners rather quickly. But, Richard captivated us from the start and held our total interest throughout! It really was a super presentation, and the many questions/comments he received seemed to underline how well he did his thing! Great job, Mr. Henf. (I have written him to express our appreciation).

After a brief refreshment period, the following items were discussed:

1. It was noted that several new club applications had paid their first dues, and it was necessary to vote them membership. The members so voted.
2. It was announced that the Christmas party will be held on December 22, at the Holiday Inn. Dinner choices are: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Prime Rib, or Stuffed Flounder. Either choice is $12.00 per person. As in past years gifts will be exchanged (male to male/female to female), and club officers for 1995 will be invested. See you all there!
3. K4SJC - Les reported that a break-in had occurred at the 910 repeater shack, and we had lost a modem, a mic, and other various items. The shack will be secured. It was suggested that members should not disclose to others the precise location of the repeater. There was some concern that we may have been overly responsive to aired requests regarding the repeater location.
4. W4EPU - Pike and KC4SYD - Cliff will captain the nominating commitee to select candidates for your 1995 officers and board of directors. These candidates (and nominations from the floor) will be voted on during the November meeting.
5. AD4NA - Tom will hide a fox on November 13, and the hunt will begin at the K-Mart parking lot at 1300 hrs. Tom also distributed the first edition of his new periodical, **THE SLY FOX.**
6. Again this year, the Jaycees are looking for our support during the annual Christmas parade on December 3. KC4SYD - Cliff and KE4MWZ - Mike soon will be asking for volunteers during their nets. From the feedback when this was announced, I concluded that the volunteers last year must have enjoyed their work a whole bunch! The fun will start around 3:00 pm and last until around 9:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 2050 hours and, as usual, many of us "hungry's" found our way to "Dogs" for some SERIOUS conversation.

Bud - K4CWG would like to knowwhy it is that a door can be ajar, but a jar can't be a door.

DO YOU THINK THIS SPECIMEN IS FAIRLY TYPICAL OF LIFE ON PLANET EARTH?

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike W4EPU

A farmer got up every morning to do his milking and feeding chores early enough to start working in the field by daybreak. Except for a one hour lunch break, he worked in the field from sun up til sun down. When he came in at night he still had to feed the animals and milk the cows before he could call it a day.

He did take the time to go to his doctor for regular checkups. When he came home from the doctor, his wife would always ask him about the doctor's prognosis. He would always either say "I forgot" or "Oh, not much."

Finally, in order to find out for herself, the farm woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office. After a lengthy checkup, the doctor took the wife aside and told her. "If you don't do the following exactly as I tell you, your husband will lose his will to live and will surely die."

"Each morning I want you to fix him a hardy breakfast of bacon and eggs and fresh baked muffins before he does his early morning chores."

"At lunch make him a warm, nutritious meal with a homemade pie for dessert. And make sure the hammock is set up under the shade tree so he can rest before he goes back to the field."

"Serve him supper with a smile, no matter what time of the day or night he gets in from chores, and don't burden him with household concerns while he is eating."

"After supper, ease him into his favorite chair, give him a beer, and the TV remote control so he can watch the ball game"

On the way home, the husband asked his wife what the doctor had to say about his condition.

She replied, "He said you're gonna die!"

"Tell Father Kelly the Bishop would like to see him."

"And, Fred, you'll never guess who's finally got the bug and is working on some big secret project."

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total Membership: 265 (includes 52 family members and 8 honorary

New Members: KE4SEW Greg Bennett
K4WSE John Wood

Renewals:
WA4CUO Bill Hoskinson
KD4GPE Joe Meyers
W9IOS William Karr
WD8JLT Brian Sonnenberg
K4KON Bruce Hoover
KD4PLA Bill Heil
KC4VIO Jose Ramos
KC4VIN Carole Ramos

UPCOMING FLORIDA HAMFESTS

12/3	OKEECHOBEE: Agriculture Ctr. Bldg. on US 441. Talk-in on 147.195
12/3	OCALA: Marion City Livestock Pav. Jacksonville Rd. Talk-in on 146.970
1/7-8	Ft. Meyers Hamfest Talk-in on 147.345
1/28	Sarasota Hamfest Talk-in on 146.910
2/4-5	Miami Hamfest Talk-in on 146.760
2/18-19	Orlando Hamfest Talk-in on 146.670
2/25	Stuart Hamfest Talk-in on 147.060
3/11	Sebring Talk-in on 147.060

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